

**DSHS PTA
Meeting Notes**

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Time: 7:34 pm to 9:00 pm

In Attendance

Cathy Farman, Lea Darrah, Liz Grassi, Sandra Schickele, Catherine Yu Li, Roberta Kuhlman, Mary Ann Noonan, Colleen Costello-Kreidler, Jacqui Moore, Widgen Neagley, Lisa Mayfield, Cathy Sacks, Caitlin, G., Cat, A., and Bob Darragh

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Cathy Farman. The PTA Board, DSHS staff, students and parents introduced themselves.

Approval of March Minutes: A motion was made by Widgen Neagley to approve the March 7, 2012 minutes with one change. The motion passed unopposed.

Student Reports:

- Cat, A, of the Sophomore Senate noted that special kindness activities are being held this week including biodegradeable balloon release, High-5 day and Mr. Blue Devil which will be held on Thursday April 5th.
- Caitlin, G., Senior Class President, updated the PTA on several items. There are 66 days until graduation. Senior week (during STAR testing) is from April 17th to 20th. During this week daily activities are planned such as a BBQ, movie, friendship day and an assembly to discuss end-of-the-year activities including Senior Ball and graduation. Distribution of caps and gowns also occurs at the assembly.

The theme for the Senior Ball on May 19th (6:30 to midnight) is Bella Notte. Ticket and tickets will be on-sale from April 23rd to May 11th in the Finance Office. Students need to have contract, ID, money and signed guest pass (if needed) to purchase the tickets. Tables are in groups of 10 and students are encouraged to sign-up together to ensure seating arrangements.

The graduation format will be similar to last year with the Keynote address given by a teacher. Ten teachers have been nominated and the vote will occur at the Senior assembly. Student speeches for graduation are due April 4th. Graduation tickets have been distributed and they are working on changing the seating to include 100 more guests.

Grad Night tickets will also be on sale at the Senior Assembly.

Cathy noted that the PTA Executive Board wants to provide funding for additional live music to campus. The student community plans to propose music for funding

Election of Executive Board for 2012-13: Colleen Costello-Kreidler presented the nominations for the Executive Board. Lea Darrah and Sandra Schickele were the other members of the Nomination Committee. The nominations for the Slate of Officers are:

President:	Cathy Farman
Executive V.P.:	Liz Grassi

First V.P. (Grants): Lea Darrah
 Second V.P. (Programs): Roberta Kuhlman
 Secretary: Elizabeth Tinsley
 Treasurer:
 Financial Secretary: Mary Ann Noonan
 Auditor: Darcie Houck

Colleen nominated Lisa Mayfield for the position of Treasurer. Cathy closed the nominations since there were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Widgen to accept the Slate of Nominees for the DSHS PTA Executive Board with the addition of Lisa Mayfield as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously and with thanks to the Committee and the newly elected Executive Board.

The Parliamentarian will be nominated by the President. In addition, some of the Chairpersons for next year are:

Listserv Manager: Mary Nicholson
 Membership Co-chairs: JoEllen Welsch and Colleen Costello-Kreidler
 Newsletter Editor: Cheri Herman
 Hospitality Manager: Lori Schilling-Davis

Treasurer's Report: Catherine Yu Li presented the Treasurer's Report dated March 31st, 2012. Income totals \$37,325.34. This is \$6,898.34 more than in the budget. PIE donations to date are \$26,438.73 exceeding the budget estimate of \$20,000.

Catherine also presented the following four checks for payment. The payments total \$686.45.

The four checks are:

3 rd District PTA	Membership Dues	\$ 121.50
Cathy Farman	Admin – Domain Name	\$ 34.95
USPS	Bulk Mail Permit #71	\$ 190.00
DJUSD	Parent Ed - DSHS Library rental	\$ 340.00

Catherine moved to accept the Treasurer's report dated March 31st, 2012 and to approve the four payments listed for a total of \$ 686.45. The motion passed unanimously.

PIE Grants: Lea Darrah summarized two additional PIE grant proposals. . Lea made a motion to purchase 110 128 Mbyte flash drives for use by students in the Academic Center, Library and for distribution by the counselors to students. The total price for these flexible digital storage media will be less than \$348.11. A sharpie will be used to list "Property of DSHS" on the drives. The motion passed unanimously. Lea also made a motion that PTA donates \$8,500 to DSHS for the Library furniture upgrade. The motion passed unanimously. It was proposed that a plaque stating that the Library furniture was partially funded by PTA be placed in the Library.

An additional PIE grant request for \$160 for 6 science students and two teachers to attend the Norton Scientist dinner was discussed. The teacher who made the request wants to encourage the students to stay in science. Lea will contact the teacher for more information and PTA suggested that the teacher also contact the Counselors to see if they have funding. A fund, similar to the Field Trip Fund, may be added to the budget next year to encourage mentoring of students by teachers.

Committee Report:

Cathy Sachs summarized that DavisParentsDo is part of a district-wide PTA\PTO effort to educate parents and guardians about the realities of alcohol and drug use by Davis youth. This is the 5th year that parents may sign a pledge to host only alcohol-free, tobacco-free and drug-free parties for teens. Last year over 650 parents signed the pledge. To sign the pledge, for more information, or to volunteer for the committee please go to the website: DavisParentsDo.org. There will also be information in the PTA newsletter, ListServs and School websites as the committee goes paperless this year.

DavisParentsDo is also working with administration, athletic directors and sports coaches to increase awareness of how drug and alcohol use impacts performance of sports teams. The goal is to get a consistent policy in the DJUSD for its sports teams in this area and to also continue to educate the community

Teacher Report: Widgen Neagley

Widgen noted that grades were due at noon today. The teachers are finishing up the quarter and preparing for STAR testing after Spring Break

Counselor's Report:

Widgen gave the Counselor's report. They have been registering students for classes this week. The extra time for registration has led to many conversations on course work for next year and drastically fewer schedule changes.

Administration's Report: Jacqui Moore

- **Discussion re LEAP team:** Jacqui shared with PTA a short presentation to be given later to the DJUSD Board with the title "2012-13 LEAP Davis High School Data Overview". The results of the 2011 CST show that 75% and 47% of the students are proficient or advance in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math, respectively. The low Math score is due to low scores by students taking Algebra I and II and Geometry. Score increases between 2010 and 2011 were observed for both ELA and Math in the Hispanic or Latino, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities groups, among others. These increases are encouraging, however much work remains to be done in these achievement areas.

Jacqui distributed a LEAP survey for parents on focus areas for 2012-2013. The seven action categories are: Alignment, Equity, Cultural Responsiveness, Professional Development, English Learners, Extended Learning Opportunities – before and after school, summer school and Parent Involvement. After discussion of each focus area, PTA members voted on their choices for the top 1-2 priorities in each category. Jacqui will convey this information to the DJUSD LEAP team.

Other Business:

- The number of volunteer hours from March 8, 2012 to April 4, 2012 was 73 hours.
- The next PTA Association monthly meeting is on May 9, 2012 (**NEW DATE**) starting at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Darragh, Secretary